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Filing Date	September 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Seiichi Tagawa et al.
Art Unit	1772
Examiner Name	Jane J. Rhee
Attorney Docket Number	6404-0003WOUS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.114,
AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114. This request is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 25, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated December 9, 2004.

Applicants additionally request a one-month extension of time, to December 27, 2004, for filing a Response to the Office Action of August 25, 2004.

Please enter the following amendments to the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are provided on page 2 of the present response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.